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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SHAYESTEH and GRAY

Application No.: 08/905,508

Filed: August 4, 1997

For: GENETIC ALTERATIONS  
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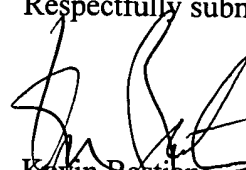
Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Abandonment mailed April 29, 1999, indicating the above-identified application has been abandoned for failure to respond to the Office letter mailed September 16, 1998.

Enclosed herewith are copies of the Petition to Extend Time filed November 17, 1998, extending response time until December 16, 1998, and the Continued Prosecution Application filed therewith. Also enclosed is a copy of the return postcard verifying receipt of the above-referenced documents in the Office mailroom on November 17, 1998.

Applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and this application be returned to good standing.

Respectfully submitted,



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